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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: KAUNDA WELCOMES CARVER'S VISIT AND QUESTIONS NEED
FOR ELECTIONS IN RHODESIA

REF: LUSAKA 3193

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MILES MET WITH KAUNDA OCT. 24 TO INFORM HIM OF THE PROPOSED CARVER TALKS IN LUSAKA. KAUNDA WELCOMED THE IDEA OF CARVER USING LUSAKA AS THE SITE FOR MEETING WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE ASKED IF NKOMO AND MUGABE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE PROPOSED DATE FOR THE TALKS, AND GAVE NO HINT OF BITTERNESS WITH MUGABE.
2. KAUNDA ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT OR OBJECTION THE SUGGESTION THAT ACTIONS DESIGNED TO PRESSURE VORSTER TO PRESSURE SMITH BE POSTPONED FOR THE TIME BEING.

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3. WHEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING TO THE STORIES OF ONGOING TALKS BETWEEN SMITH AND THE GRZ, KAUNDA SHIFTED TO THE SUBJECT OF ELECTIONS IN RHODESIA. HE TOLD MILES THAT HE WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT ELECTIONS MIGHT GIVE RISE TO VIOLENCE. HE HINTED THAT HE WAS SEEKING A WAY TO AVOID SUCH VIOLENCE. HE STRESSED TO MILES THAT HE HAD NOT SHARED WITH HIS FRONTLINE COLLEAGUES HIS CONCERN

OVER WHAT ELECTIONS MIGHT BRING.

4. AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION, KAUNDA SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH CARVER HIS VIEWS ON ELECTIONS. MILES SAID CARVER'S INTERESTS WOULD PRIMARILY BE MILITARY, BUT NOTED THAT MILITARY AND POLITICAL CONCERNS HAVE A WAY OF BLENDING TOGETHER.

5. COMMENT: COMING AS IT DOES AFTER KAUNDA'S STATEMENT TO ROSENFELD ABOUT NEED FOR A FRELIMO TYPE SOLUTION IN RHODESIA, HIS REMARK TO MILES ABOUT THE DANGER OF ELECTIONS LENDS CREDENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE IS SEEKING A WAY TO TRANSFER POWER WITHOUT BENEFIT OF ELECTIONS.
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